

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 1 and 11, which are independent, are amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed, and specifically at figure 1.

No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e) AND §103(a)

Claims 1 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,212,229 to Parulski, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Parulski").

Claims 2-10 and 12-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Parulski in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,081,918 to Takemoto, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Takemoto").

III. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“A digital still camera comprising:

...a removable recording medium storing both the converted image data and the unconverted image data,

...wherein the plurality of scene-reference color space formats comprise a first scene-reference color space format and a second scene-reference color space format having linear image data and an extended color space of the first scene-reference color space format.” (Emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit that nothing in Parulski has been found that teaches a removable recording medium storing both the converted image data and the unconverted image data and wherein the plurality of scene-reference color space formats comprise a first scene-reference color space format and a second scene-reference color space format having linear image data and an extended color space of the first scene-reference color space format, as recited in claim 1. Applicants submit that Parulski fails to disclose or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1.

Indeed, claim 1 recites storing both converted image data and unconverted image data in a removable medium and two difference scene-reference color space formats. None of the references relied by the Office Action teaches or suggests the above-identified features of claim 1. Parulski merely describes that compressed image files are stored on removable flash memory card (330) as Exif image files. After a series of images have been taken and stored on removable memory card (330), the removable memory card (330) can optionally be inserted into a memory card reader in the user's host computer (not shown) in order to transfer the images captured by the digital camera to the host computer. The images can then be viewed, e-mailed

via the Internet, etc. To print images without using a host computer, an interface cable (342) can be used to connect between printer interface (24) in a digital camera (10) and the corresponding camera interface in digital printer (30). The printer interface (24) may conform to, for example, the well-know universal serial bus (USB) interface specification.

However, Parulski is silent regarding a removable recording medium storing both the converted image data and the unconverted image data and wherein the plurality of scene-reference color space formats comprise a first scene-reference color space format and a second scene-reference color space format having linear image data and an extended color space of the first scene-reference color space format, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable.

Claim 11 is similar, or somewhat similar, in scope and is therefore patentable for similar, or somewhat similar, reasons.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Similarly, because Applicants maintain that all claims are allowable for at least the reasons presented hereinabove, in the interests of brevity, this response does not comment on each and every comment made by the Examiner in the Office Action. This should not be taken

as acquiescence of the substance of those comments, and Applicants reserve the right to address such comments.

CONCLUSION


In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the references providing the basis for a contrary view.

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Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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